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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO MAKES

STRONG DECLARATION ON MIDDLE

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1. ON THE OCCASION OF COSTA RICA'S ELECTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE OUTLINES COSTA RICA'S VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS APPEARS TO BE A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT AND IS SUMMARIZED IN SOME DETAIL BELOW. FULL SPANISH TEXT IS BEING FORWARDED VIA USINFO.

2. AFTER NOTING THAT AS A MEMBER-ELECT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COSTA RICA MUST BEGIN RIGHT AWAY TO MULTIPLY ITS EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND WORLD SECURITY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO THE MIDDLE EAST
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AS THE MOST PAINFUL, SERIOUS CURRENT

THREAT TO PEACE. COSTA RICA MUST BEGIN
AS OF TODAY TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY IN
THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION ENDING
HOSTILITIES IN THE REGION. A CEASE-
FIRE AND EVENTUAL PEACE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE
BUT DOES REQUIRE THE COLLABORATION OF THE PER-
MANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
QUOTE ABOVE ALL IT REQUIRES THAT THE SOVIET
UNION INSTEAD OF STIMULATING THE FIGHT
SHOULD CONTRIBUTE ITS
ALLIANCE, ITS PROPAGANDA NETWORK AND ITS
LARGE MILITARY RESOURCES TO THE CAUSE OF
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST..... IT CAN BE
AFFIRMED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
FOR THE ARAB STATES TO INITIATE THIS NEW
PHASE OF THE WAR IF THE SOVIET UNION HAD
NOT GIVEN THEM POLITICAL AND MILITARY
SUPPORT. ONLY THE MASSIVE AID PROVIDED
BY THE SOVIET UNION PERMITTED EGYPT AND
SYRIA TO START THE MILITARY
OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL. ONLY THROUGH
SOVIET AID ARE THE ARAB STATES ABLE TO
MAINTAIN THE FIGHT.....AND ONLY
THROUGH THE DECIDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE
OF THE US WILL ISRAEL BE ABLE TO RESIST.
AS LONG AS THE SOVIET UNION SUPPLIES THE
MAJOR PART OF THE ARMS AND MUNITIONS WITH
WHICH THE ARABS FIGHT, THE US WILL SEE
ITSELF OBLIGATED TO SUPPLY THE GREATER PART
OF THE ARMS AND MUNITIONS WITH WHICH ISRAEL
DEFENDS ITSELF. IN CONSEQUENCE, IF THE
TWO SUPER POWERS WERE TO DISCONTINUE
THEIR AID TO THE BELLIGERENTS AND SUPPORT
A VIGOROUS ACTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TO IMPOSE A CEASE-FIRE, EVEN BY FORCE IF
NECESSARY, A SUSPENSION OF THE HOSTILITIES
WOULD BE ACHIEVED UNQUOTE.

3. THE MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE
WAS CERTAIN THAT BOTH THE SOVIET UNION
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AND THE US DESIRED PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE,
BUT THAT THE LOCAL CONFLICT OF THE MIDDLE
EAST THREATENED THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE
AND COULD LEAD TO A RENEWAL OF THE COLD
WAR.

THE MINISTER THEN QUOTED, AS
EXEMPLARY, PASSAGES FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S PACEM IN TERRIS SPEECH

DEFINING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE.

4. FACIO THEN STATES THAT SIX YEARS
AGO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, UPON ACHIEVING
A CEASE-FIRE AFTER THE SIX-DAY WAR,
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 242.
THIS, HE SAID, COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR
TERMINATING THE PRESENT CONFLICT SINCE
IT CONTAINED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PEACE
IN THE REGION. BUT ACHIEVING THE PRINCIPLES
ANNOUNCED IN RESOLUTION 242 COULD NOT BE
ACHIEVED WITHOUT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE
BELLIGERENTS. THIS, HE SAID, WAS THE
ELEMENT MISSING SINCE 1967, AND THIS IS
THE ELEMENT WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL
MUST ENSURE NOW. TO DO THIS REQUIRES THE
DECIDED AND SINCERE SUPPORT OF ALL THE
PERMANENT MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHINA.

5. THE MINISTER THEN CONCLUDED BY SAYING
QUOTE IT DOES NOT SEEM DIFFICULT TO SECURE
THE ENDORESEMENT OF THE US WHICH HAS
BEEN EXERCISING ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO
PERSUADE ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE FORMULAE
FOR SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. WHAT IS
NEEDED IS TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET UNION THAT
THERE CANNOT BE PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IN
THE WORLD IF IT DOES NOT PUT ITS
IMMENSE POWER IN THE SERVICE OF
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNQUOTE.
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